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## President's Message

I spent some time this holiday season shopping for books as gifts for family members. One review that caught my attention in the Daily Advertiser was for the book, "Five Days at Memorial," by Sheri Fink, which I purchased. The subject matter is described in a "Note to the Reader": "This book recounts what happened at Memorial Medical Center during and after Hurricane Katrina in August 2005 and follows events through the aftermath of the crisis, when medical professionals were arrested and accused of having hastened the deaths of their patients."

As ham radio operators we prepare for possible service in a public emergency. Sometimes, it is hard to keep up the motivation for regular practice operating our radios. I thought this book brought out some good lessons about a familiar public emergency that took place close to our area.

Katrina hit New Orleans in the early hours of Monday, August 29. On Tuesday at about 11:00 a.m. the break in the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal Levee occurred. By that evening "Memorial had shaved its patient census from 187 to about 130. Staff counted 460 Memorial employees, 447 family members, and 52 LifeCare employees left in the building. (LifeCare was a separate hospital-in-a-hospital using leased space and providing long term care for mostly elderly patients). "On the seventh floor, all 52 LifeCare patients, including seven who relied on ventilators to breath, remained." Standby generator power initiated Monday morning succumbed to flooding and maintenance problems by about 2 a.m. Wednesday morning - nearly 48 hours after landfall. About 9 p.m. on Thursday, the last living patient, Rodney Scott, weighing over 300 lbs was evacuated by Coast Guard helicopter. "When members of a disaster mortuary team finally arrived on Sunday, September 11, more than a week after the last living patients and staff members had departed, they recovered 45 bodies from the chapel, morgues, hallways, LifeCare floor, and the emergency room."

The book contrasted what happened at Memorial (about a two city block campus near Napoleon Avenue and Clara Street) to what happened at New Orleans's public Charity Hospital. Approximately twice as many patients were present at the public hospitals two campuses. However, only three patients died. Hospital officials had drilled for a category Three hurricane and a levee failure. They had purchased several portable generators, oxygen-powered ventilators, and a ham radio system.

I wish to thank all those working on preparations for our March Hamfest. Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Nick Pugh K5QXJ and others have us on-track for a successful event. Also, our nominating committee, under the direction of Larry Leblanc KE5KJD, is soliciting names for next year's officers. Hopefully a generous spirit will be found to take over this column.

Archie Hill W5AG  
AARA President



## FYI

Here we go, kicking off a new year, hope everyone had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. Seems like 2013 flew by in a flash.

We are looking for a very active new year, a lot of things going on in ham radio. Just to name a few:

At the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Nominating Committee for officers for 2014-2015 will present their slate to the membership. The results to be published in the February 2014 issue of the LARC.

Our March 14 & 15, 2014 Hamfest in Rayne, Louisiana is making good progress. The Texas Ham Playboys Cajun band have consented to appear again on Friday evening and play some of their **GREAT** music. The website has been updated somewhat, there are a few things to be added later, like the crawfish pricing, forums, and who will be furnishing refreshments Friday evening and Saturday.

So check out our website on occasions to see changes. We are looking for hamfest volunteers to help with the vendors unloading and setting up their tables and probably any other help needed.

The Louisiana QSO Party will be taking place in March, some of our members may be interested in doing a little contesting and this is a good chance, see details on page 3 for more information.

January AARA Meeting will be at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana at 7:00 PM on January 2. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM.

**AARA Hamfest Website:**  
<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
 Scott, LA  
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

### Local 2-Meter Nets

#### Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM  
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

#### Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

#### Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net  
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

#### Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM  
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### AARA OFFICERS 2013-2014

**President** - Archie Hill - W5AG  
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### Acadiana Amateur Radio Association

P. O. Box 51174  
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Regular meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
 of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
 American Red Cross Building, 101  
 North Pat Street, Scott, LA

## 2014 Louisiana QSO Party

14:00 UTC, March 22, 2014 to 02:00 UTC, March 23, 2014

Sponsored by the Louisiana Contest Club



The purpose of the of Louisiana QSO Party is to promote activity from Louisiana amateur radio stations and hopefully give amateurs worldwide a contact from Louisiana

Regardless if you are a serious or casual participant ... from Louisiana, or from outside of Louisiana ... the Louisiana QSO Party was designed to be a FUN operating event. Why not give it a try?

You can find rules, list of Parish abbreviations, log sheets, station summary for Louisiana and Non-Louisiana residents, and logs from previous years at:

<http://laqp.org/>

We want to thank W5YL and the Thibodeaux Radio Club, Thibodeaux, La. for the many years that they have sponsored the Louisiana QSO Party. We are hoping to keep the tradition ongoing. Many of the forms and information was provided by their web site. We welcome your comments for any improvements we can make to have this contest enjoyable and well run.

Contest Chairperson: Mark, K5ER

This is a quote from an e-mail received on behalf Of Mark Ketchell K5ER.

"Hope everyone is having a good holiday season. We gave a presentation of the proposed LaQP rules at the last LCC meeting and after many more e-mails and re-writes that expected, we are happy to announce the Louisiana Qso Party (LaQP) rules for 2014 are now complete.

We also have a brand new web site specifically for the event, laqp.org. We still have a few additions coming, but we invite everyone to take a look.

We have contacted a few of the more popular logging software authors. We will soon be posting the info on cq-contest, letting the world know the date and rules, and asking all the other logger authors to review our rules and insure that their packages operate and score correctly, including the new bonus station, N5LCC.

Although many active contesters participate in state QP's, many of those active will be county hunters and non-contesters. While you should "run" as much as possible, to give out more LA contacts, be prepared to slow down to walk some through their very first Louisiana contact. We encourage ALL Louisiana stations to get on and operate as much as possible, especially those in the "rarer" parishes.

In order to encourage more participation, we added several categories and now have 81 certificates available to be won! We hope you will take a look at the new LaQP web site, review the rules, and plan to be on the air on March 22. Remember to have fun.

"Laissez les Contests Roulez!" (Let the Contests roll!)

Merry Christmas!

Mark, K5ER

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hammond Hamfest



**Date:** January 18, 2014

**Where:** Magnuson Hotel & Conference Center, 2000 S. Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA 70403 (Take Exit #28 from I-55, Hamfest Hotel is at 2nd Traffic Light)

**GROUP NAME: "HAMFEST"**

Mention the group name when making reservations (by phone only) to get the special rate of \$60 plus tax per day. Dates available are 1/16/2014-1/19/2014. Rooms at this rate are limited.

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Free Admission—Free Parking VE Testing:

8:30 AM - Registration Begins in La Veranda Room. Test Fee \$15 cash, photo ID, copy of license or CSCE. Testing Begins Following Registration.

TYRONE BURNS N5XES VE Liaison at: **n5xes@arrl.net**

### Main Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Icom IC 7200 HF all mode 160-6 meters.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Icom IC-V8000 2 meter 75 watt FM mobile.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: MFJ - 259B 1.8 - 170 MHz Antenna Analyzer
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Icom IC-V80Sport 2 meter FM handheld 207 channels.

### Dealers & Vendors

Regal Brown Inc., Palmetto Antennas, MCM Computers & Hub City Amateur Radio Sales

### Forums

To be announced later - check website for updates at:

<http://www.selarc.orgselarchamfest.htm>

### SELARC Repeaters

147.000 (-600) WB5NET PL 107.2  
145.130 (-600) WB5NET PL 107.2  
444.250 (+5) WB5NET PL 107.2  
Contact Table Manager Jim Valega WB5LSH. **wb5lsh2@charter.net**  
or Any SELARC Officer!!!

## LOUISIANA GETS NEW SECTION MANAGER

On April 1, 2014, Jim Molan KD5IGG of Bunkie, LA will be the newly elected LA Section Manager.

Jim has been a Louisiana Assistant Section Manager for a number of years, DEC of Region 6 Central District and Club Treasurer for the Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club in Alexandria.

Jim is very involved in emergency communications as a ARES member, and taking part in many of the Simulated Emergency Tests (SET).

I am sure that Jim will be a great asset to the state of Louisiana as our new ARRL Section Manager.

Please join us in giving Jim your support!



## On the Air: Kids Day is January 5, 2014

The next **Kids Day** (<http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>), sponsored by the ARRL and The Boring (Oregon) Amateur Radio Club, will be Sunday, January 5, from 1800 to 2400 UTC. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio satellites to youngsters and let them get some firsthand experience.

Share the excitement with your own children or grandkids or youngsters in the neighborhood! For the youngsters, their positive ham radio experience may foster an interest in getting licensed one day. For veteran radio amateurs, it's a chance to share their love of Amateur Radio and their stations with the next generation.

To attract attention call "CQ Kids Day." The suggested exchange is name, age, location, and favorite color. There is no limit on operating time, and stations may work each other more than once, if the operator has changed.

The suggested HF frequencies are 28.350 to 28.400 MHz, 24.960 to 24.980 MHz, 21.360 to 21.400 MHz, 18.140 to 18.145 MHz, 14.270 to 14.300 MHz, 7.270 to 7.290 MHz, and 3.740 to 3.940 MHz. Repeater contacts (with permission of the repeater's sponsor) are okay too, and satellite contacts may provide a real thrill. Be sure to observe third-party traffic restrictions when making DX contacts.

All participants are encouraged to post stories and photos to the **Kids Day Soapbox** page (<http://www.arrl.org/soapbox>) and are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. You can download the **free certificate** ([http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Youth/Kids\\_Day\\_Certificate\\_1.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Youth/Kids_Day_Certificate_1.pdf)), customized with the youngsters' names, after filling out the Kids Day Survey found on the same page as the certificate generator. Alternatively, you can send a 9 × 12 SASE to Kids Day Certificate Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. ARRL Kids Day is always the first Sunday of January and the third Saturday of June.

(Reprinted from: The ARRL Letter for December 19, 2013)





**DECEMBER 05, 2013 AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 05, 2013**

**CLUB MEETING:**

- The AARA President Archie Hill W5AG opened the meeting for the Annual Christmas Party at Golden Corral.
- Herman KN5GRK led the prayer in thanksgiving for the birth of Christ, for wisdom for all those in authority, and for all those who are ill.
- There were 24 members and 8 visitors in attendance.

**Business:** There was no business conducted, this was a general eating and fellowship meeting, however there were some discussions between members about the upcoming AARA Hamfest in March 2014. Everyone had a wonderful time and a full tummy. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!!!

The next AARA Club meeting will be on January 02, 2014, at the Red Cross building on Pat Street. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM. Thanks to Greg K5LFT for bringing a camera and taking the above photos before the major crowd arrived.

Respectively submitted,  
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF  
AARA Secretary 2013



If you have not paid your 2014-2015 AARA Club Dues, now would be a good time to do so.

Remember, you have to be a AARA member in order to be elected to one of the officers position and to be able to vote.

**DECEMBER 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS**

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	29	Ø	65	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	57	Ø	101	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	23	Ø	55	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	30	Ø	95	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	3	23	4	43	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug.  
- Patricia Neal

**AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation**

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the January 2014 schedule.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
January 6	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5
January 13	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
January 20	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
January 27	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The January & February 2014 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

[http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday net.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday%20net.pdf)

**Austin Amateur Radio Supply Owner Johnny Paul, WA5BGO, SK**

The owner of Austin Amateur Radio Supply, John E. "Johnny" Paul, WA5BGO, of Austin, Texas, died December 10. He was 74. Paul was the proprietor of Austin Amateur Radio for 45 years. First licensed in 1960,

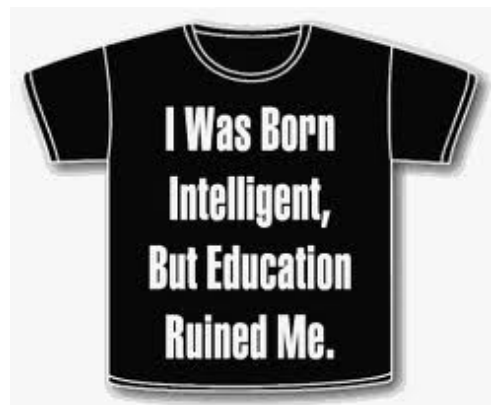
Paul was a past president of the Austin Amateur Radio Club and was an avid photographer of nature and landscapes. Services were December 16. Survivors include his wife Grace and a son and daughter.

Austin Amateur Radio Supply has been supporting the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Annual Hamfest for a number of years. We are sad to loose one of our supporters but hopefully this loss will not affect their attendance at our 2014 Hamfest in March.

**AARA****UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

1/05	ARCHIE	W5AG
1/24	GARY	WB5VBB
1/31	ANDREW	KE5OGA
2/04	WESTON	KB5WI

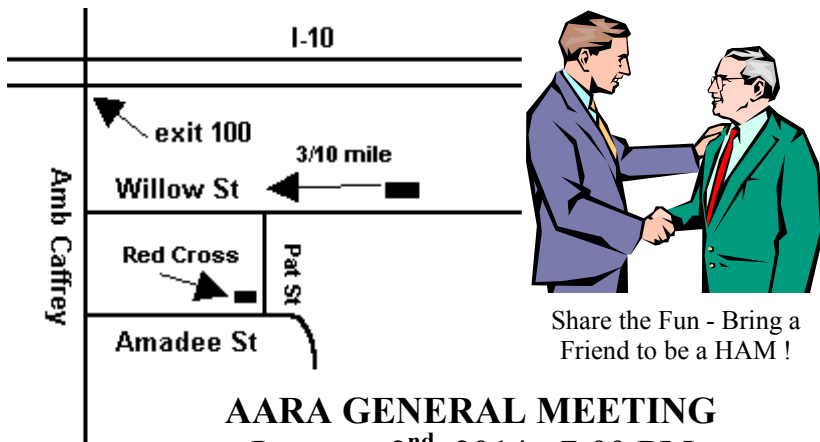
Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



**Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 51174**  
**Lafayette, LA 70505-1174**

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>

Hamfest website: <http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>



## **AARA GENERAL MEETING**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

**VE TESTING TONIGHT - 6:00 PM**

**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

**Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM**

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

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## **Southern Black-Eyed Peas**

(reprinted from: food.com)

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 4 cups fresh or frozen black-eyed peas | 4 garlic cloves, minced          |
| 4 to 5 slices bacon                    | 6 cups chicken broth             |
| 1 large onion, chopped                 | 1/2 teaspoon salt                |
| 1 stalk celery, diced                  | 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper |

### **Directions:**

1. In a 5 quart Dutch oven, cook bacon until crisp; set aside to drain on paper towels.
2. Cook onion, celery and garlic in bacon drippings until tender; add broth, salt, pepper and peas. Bring to a boil and skim top if necessary.
3. Lower heat to simmer; crumble bacon and add to peas.
4. Adjust seasonings to taste, cover and simmer until peas are tender (30 minutes to 1 hour depending on how tender you like them).

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes  
Prep Time: 30 minutes  
Cook Time: 1 hour



## **FCC Information Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

**[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov)**.

FCC Website:

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>**

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245